

REMARKS

Entry of the amendments to the specification and claims before examination of the application is respectfully requested.

The specification is being amended to add a reference to the parent of the present application.

The claims are being amended to incorporate the unentered amendments proposed in the Applicants' September 23, 2003, § 1.116 after-final Amendment, and further to cancel 3-7, 11, 16, 24 and 26-33, which were put into allowable form in the parent application.

Consideration of the above amendments and the arguments set forth in the Applicants' September 23, 2003, § 1.116 after-final Amendment is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Crowell & Moring, LLP, P.L.L.C., Deposit

Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #225/50523CO).

Respectfully submitted,

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